

Winds of change: Libraries in the 21st Century / Ka Purea e nga hau a Tawhirimatea

Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) Conference 2002

Wellington, New Zealand will be hit with full force when *Winds of change: Libraries in the 21st century* — LIANZA Conference 2002 blows into town. More than 700 library and information professionals are forecast to converge on the Kiwi capital city between 17 and 21 November 2002.

Why not jump across the Tasman and get blown away with your Kiwi colleagues? Remember ALIA members pay the LIANZA members registration fee and this makes the fees very economical (consider the exchange rate!) for such a high-quality conference.

What it is all about?

The theme, *Winds of change: Libraries in the 21st century*, encompasses the experience of all library and information-based organisations as they take on the dynamic social, economic, political and technological climate of the new century. A vibrant and diverse program reflects this.

The three streams each include outstanding speakers and useful workshop sessions from New Zealand and international speakers. Some of the highlights include:

Electrical storms: Electronic information management issues and their impact on libraries

- **Larry Prusak**, executive director of the Institute for Knowledge Management, and managing principal with IBM Global Services, broke ground when he began to write about knowledge management (KM) in the early 1990s. He has gone on to become a respected and award-winning authority on KM and has published and lectured widely. Larry has also worked as a librarian and a researcher and has spoken and written on the role of librarians in KM.
- **Dr Loriene Roy**, president of the American Indian Library Association, will present two concurrent sessions focussing on the use of information technology to support educational achievement for indigenous peoples and on new perspectives on tribal archives.

Sheltering from the storm: providing library services in a digital world

- **Chris Batt**, director of Learning and Information Society at Re:source: the Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries UK, would like to see libraries creating storms to ensure the right approaches are taken to the development of the information society. It is his job connect all 4300 public libraries in the United Kingdom to the internet by 2003.
- **Herb Elish**, director of the Carnegie Library Pittsburgh, will share his experience in leading and managing organisations in his address about developing libraries that survive

and thrive in the digital ages.

Under the umbrella: professional development for library and information professionals

- **Derek Law**, head of Information Resources Directorate at the University of Strathclyde, professor in the Department of Computing, and Head of the Centre for Digital Library Research, will discuss key elements to ensuring that libraries 'weather the storms' of electronic information developments.

Work... network... and play...

Wellington is the location of a huge range of information organisations, with many breaking new ground in the 'knowledge society' — and these will be showcased throughout the conference in the lunch break sessions. There are a range of pre- and post-conference events, workshops, and open days to enhance your professional development.

LIANZA 2002 will be as much about networking and having fun as it is about professional development, with a fantastic social and networking program.

Soak in the vibrant Kiwi culture with the huge range of social activities. Sample the bacchanalian delights of the Martinborough region or take a walking tour to learn about Wellington's rich heritage. Also, there will be something for everyone on Monday's 'Big Blow Out' optional evening activities.

The gala conference dinner, *Life upon the wicked stage*, is set in a theatre. Join the cast by dressing as your favourite thespian. Be entertained by an array of talent, and be gastronomically delighted by sumptuous fare from a top New Zealand caterer.

Buzzing about Wellington...

Wellington is commonly known for its wind and for being the home of the Beehive. However it is also has a reputation for a vibrant cultural and social scene. Wellington has as many restaurants and bars per head of population as New York. Best of all, you can walk from end to end of this compact city in less than thirty minutes. Surrounded by lush green hills with gorgeous harbour views, Wellington is also celebrated for being the home of the *Lord of the Rings* movie trilogy.

Get wind of what we are up to...

Why not get carried away with the *Winds of change*? Full conference details, online registration and more information about Wellington are at <http://www.confer.co.nz/lianza2002/>.

All workshops and social event places are available on a first-in, first-served basis — so register soon!

See you in November!

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